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#### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 7, 6, 12, 13, 16, and 17 are incomplete because the claims on which they depend from have been canceled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE-MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to present claims 7, 6, 12, 13, 16, and 17 in independent form. NO EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claims 7, 6, 12, 13, 16, and 17 and this application will be allowed with claims 23-27, and 30.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cris L. Rodriguez whose telephone number is (703) 308-2194. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on (703) 308-3552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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